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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).  SEP 17 2003 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE 565	Application Number	09/973,560
	Filing Date	October 9, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Mark A. Johnson
	Group Art Unit	2882
	Examiner Name	Courtney D. Thomas
	Attorney Docket Number	RD-28,600

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Sir:

As a submission to accompany the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, and made final, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: